Klipspringer

Oreotragus oreotragus



Range: East Africa Namibia

South Africa

Size: : 49-52 cm (30-48 in)

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Weight: : 9-11.6 kg (18-40 lbs)

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Tail:5-13cm (2-5 in)

Habitat: cliffs rocky outcroppings

Gestation: 20 weeks

Litter: 1

Weaning: 16-20 weeks

Sexual maturity: 12-24 months

Activity: Diurnal Social: pairs

Breeding: monogamous

Movement :generally sedentary

Food: leaves and fruit of

succulents

IUCN: Least Concern

Subspecies: 3

Longevity: captive: 24 yrs Wild:

n/a



Order: Artiodactyla Family: Bovidae

The Klipspringer is one of the smallest antelopes. It is found in the rocky terrain of the mountains in east Africa and Namibia. Although most common in the mountains of Ethiopia the Klipspringer can be found in the kopjes distributed throughout the grasslands of eastern and southern Africa. Kopjes are isolated rock outcroppings that provide ecological islands.

Only the male possess short spike-like horns. Males use the horns in territorial fights. The social structure of the species is a monogamous pair with a single young. Although the dangerous terrain provides some security against predators the male seems to be on constant alert. Predators include lions, jackals, hyenas and baboons.